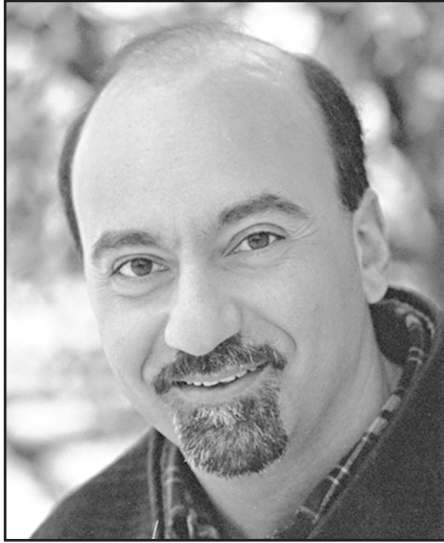


House District 23

Les Gara, Democrat



DATE OF BIRTH: February 6, 1963
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OCCUPATION:
Legislator, Fishing Writer (freelance for magazines),
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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 16 years
Anchorage August 1989 to 2004
Fairbanks August 1988-August 1989

EDUCATION:
Freeport High School, 1977-1981, Diploma; Boston
University. 1981-1985, B.A.; Harvard Law School, 1985-
1988, J.D. With Honors

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Assistant Attorney General, Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Civil
Prosecution Section; Law clerk for Justice Jay
Rabinowitz, Alaska Supreme Court; State
Representative.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:
Life Member, Alaska Flyfishers Association, their
Former Cooper Creek restoration project representative
and former Alaska Public Interest Research Group

Board Member. Donate to or have volunteered for
various non-profits including: Camp Fire, Big
Brothers/Sisters, Brother Francis Shelter, Amnesty
International, 4 A's.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Fishing, camping, rafting, fly tying, gardening.

STATEMENT:

Special interests have too loud a voice in govern-
ment. I've worked my first two years to be an inde-
pendent voice for **your interests**, to stand up for our
schools, seniors and neighborhoods, to reduce the
influence of money in politics, and to promote a
stronger economy. I disagree with those who think a
legislator should simply rubber stamp the Governor or
party leaders.

Like many of you I grew up without privilege, and
believe we must give everyone a chance to succeed
regardless of background. I've worked and voted:

- to reverse a decade decline in classroom funds we
need to **reduce class sizes** and hire good teachers;

- against Governor Murkowski's elimination of local
police and firefighter funding, and against his elimi-
nation of the **Longevity Bonus**;

- to promote an **Alaska Gas Pipeline**, good jobs, a
strong university, and against a law that's reduced
Alaska's minimum wage;

- to protect our **seniors, foster children** and
Alaskans with true needs;

- to **expand responsible oil and gas exploration**
on state lands;

- to **protect the waters and lands** we **fish, hunt,**
hike and enjoy; and,

- to require a balanced fiscal plan that doesn't
unfairly target seniors and working Alaskans.

This year I received a "**Defender of Democracy**"
award for demanding **open legislative meetings**, for
fighting **against** bills that let lobbyists give more
money to candidates, and for writing our law to pro-
hibit inaccurate "paperless" voting machines.

It would be an honor to keep representing you.
And as always, call any time.

provided and paid for by the candidate